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**Extension de la période concernée par le
rappel des cutters ARGUS**

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Objet: Bulletin de service ARGUS numéro : SB AMMO050910/3, remplace le bulletin numéro : SB AMMO050910/2

Matériels concernés: déclencheurs ARGUS fabriqués par la société AVIACOM

En complément de la circulaire 181, la date de retour des cutters des ARGUS comprend tous les cutters fabriqués avant août 2007.

Personnel qualifié:

- Moniteurs
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- Responsables d'avion

Date d'application: Immédiate

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PRODUCT SERVICE BULLETIN (REVISION #2)

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Bulletin number: SB AMMO050910/3 -This Service Bulletin replaces SB AMMO050910/2-

Subject: Extended period for mandatory cutter replacement

Identification: Argus Cutter with manufacturing date Aug. 07 or earlier and manufactured for the Argus AAD by Nobel Energetics

Background:

The original service bulletin with # SB AMMO050910/2 had been issued as a preventive measure.

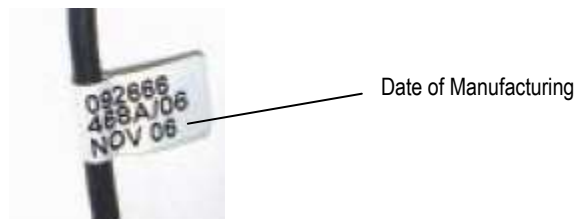
The results of extensive tests with cutters manufactured up to August 2007 have shown no lack of performance. The investigation of the incident in Portugal shows no immediate dangers in the use of such cutters as long as the manufacturer's guidelines for use, installation and maintenance are strictly observed.

In order to avoid unnecessary confusion Aviacom will continue to replace the "affected" cutters. At this time approximately 70% of the cutters have been replaced.

Service bulletin:

The grace period for mandatory cutter replacement will be extended to the first repack after 31 March 2011.

The cutter's manufacturing date can be identified by the cable tag:



Any senior or master rigger can unscrew the cutter and replace the old cutter with the approved one. The connector must be locked hand tight in order to ensure water resistance. All riggers must ensure themselves that the Argus is installed according to the manufacturer's guidelines as described in the installation manual (i.o.w: use a short loop and check or replace your washer).

Cutter replacement will resume shortly

Compliance date: At the first repack after 31 March 2011. The cutter will be replaced free of charge.

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